TOMCC Carolinas

NEWSLETTER OF THE TRIUMPH OWNERS MOTORCYCLE CLUB CAROLINAS REGION



"There's your Problem" - Photo by Nat Simpson

TOMCC EVENTS

BRITISH IN THE BLUE RIDGE 2026

Though in Georgia rather than the Carolinas, it is very close by and the premier British motorcycle event in the Southern U.S. More, Page 2

TOMCC RIDES

REGIONAL RALLY REPORT

Our first TOMCC Carolinas Regional Rally, was a great success, bringing in riders from all over the Carolinas. What's next? More, Page 3

TOMCC LOCAL GROUPS

GROUP EVENTS ARE GROWING

With the Carolinas being such a large area (nearly the same size as the UK!) an with 8 Triumph dealers, our focus is on growing local. More, Page 2

In the early 1970s, W. Dale Maxwell established the Kawasaki motorcycle dealership in Hendersonville, NC. Over the years he acquired other brands like Suzuki. Through over 40 years in buisness, Dal Kawa Power Sports expanded its inventory and accessories to accommodate every customer's needs. Anyone here who has ridden a motorcycle or ATV during these years knows Dale Maxwell as a friendly local dealer. More, Page 2

THIS MONTH'S FEATURED DEALER:

HUNTER POWERSPORTS

ASHEVILLE, NC

British in the Blue Ridge

Destination Ride of the Month

The 2026 British in the Blue Ridge motorcycle rally will be held in Hiawassee, Georgia, June 12 and 13, featuring vintage and modern British motorcycles, rides, shows, and camping. This has been a premier event in the South for British motorcyclists for 41 years! Though it is held in Georgia, it is just below the North Carolina border.

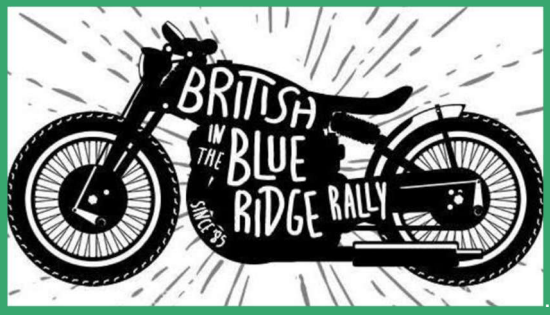
In 2026, the rally will take place at the **Georgia Mountain Fairgrounds**, offering a full weekend of activities for motorcycle enthusiasts and families alike.

The BIBR rally is not only a celebration of British motorcycles but also a social gathering for enthusiasts, offering camaraderie, scenic rides, and family-friendly activities. Whether you ride a classic Triumph, Norton, or modern British bike, the event provides a welcoming environment for all motorcycle lovers

Event Highlights:

- **Motorcycle Show:** Featuring both vintage and new British motorcycles, with all makes and models.
- **Rides and Poker Run:** Scenic mountain rides on some of Georgia's best motorcycle roads, including organized poker runs
- **Field Events and Vendors:** Interactive events, merchandise, and food vendors for attendees to enjoy
- **Camping and RV Hookups:** On-site camping is available, including RV hookups and tent sites. People often come down early, staying for the entire week!

Regional British bike clubs and enthusiasts groups have attended BBR for years. As this is the first year for our fledgling TOMCC Branch, we wont do a formal showing, but a group of us will meet up at the picnic shelter by the show area at 10:30 a.m. Saturday. Come on down, and and put your bike in the show, this usually starts at 12:00 p.m



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In 2017, Dale Maxwell sold his dealership to Tom and Randy Hunter. They combined his inventory of Hunter Power Sports, previously in Asheville, NC, featuring Can-Am, Sea-Doo, and Spyder products. Now the business sells all the top-performing power sports products, with something for everyone.

In 2020, Dal Kawa Power Sports moved to Hendersonville and rebranded as Hunter Power Sports, where you now find a large showroom with a huge selection of new and pre-owned motorcycles, personal watercraft, SXS, scooters, boats and ATVs. In 2023, Hunter Power Sports added the Triumph brand as the only location in Western North Carolina.

Hunter achieved the Ton Up by selling over 100 Triumph motorcycles in only the second year selling the brand. The brand recocnition continues to build by having regular demo days, bike nights March-October and participation in events such as the Distinguished Gentelman's Ride annually.

The Hunter family has been in the transportation business in Hendersonville, NC for over 80 years, our family - our people care about you and your experience, and our owners are on-site to give you the peace of mind you deserve. They are very interested in supporting our local group and the motorcycle community, with local bike night every 3rd Friday.



REGIONAL RALLY REPORT

Turnout was good for a first run event! We filled up the 30 room hotel, with exception of a few disgruntled Miatas and Harleys. Count was 25 riders. The New Bonneville Owners Club knows how to pick a spot! Joey's Pancake House made a killing of of us suckers…

Rides abound in every direction here, the first rides Friday were casual. Most folks took off to Deals Gap and Wayah Road. That group became a little scattered, but all had a good time. A couple or riders also took the gravel route over to the old Cataloochee community in the GSNP, but saw none of the elk it is famous for. We had a nice band on the lawn of Route 19 Inn Friday night, belting out some down-home tunes.

On Saturday, a group rode the Parkway to Cherokee, then back up to a nice twisty Highway 215. Another group had a fun run down the Rattler (Hwy 209) to Hot Springs for lunch and back, and a couple of brave ADVs ascended Max Patch by the Appalachian Trail.

Saturday night was our raffle, everyone went away from some swag, thanks to our dealers and supporters!

Big thanks to ArtMoto Garage, Hunter Powersports, Morries Place, Select Cycle and Tiger Law for the generous door prizes and the grab bag items for TOMCC members! Please pay them all a visit!



Local Section Events – June 2026

Asheville – "Motorcycles and Coffee" at Prescott, June 11. Bike night at Hunter, June 19. North side ride, June 28. Scot Dail, scotdail@gmail.com

Charlotte – Murto Made "Throttle Thursday", June 25. Section meetup, June 29. Scott Kelly, spckelly@comcast.net

Greensboro – Cycle Gear Bike Night, June 9th, Section meetup and ride, Select Cycle, June 27. Nat Simpson, hnsimpson@gmail.com

Raleigh – Meet up and member raffle at ArtMoto, June 29. Ride from there to Smoke and Barrel in Sanford. Greg James gregjames@gmail.com

We plan on forming Triumph groups near ALL Carolina Triumph dealers, creating rides, community and events. If you would like to help, let us know!

TOMCC CAROLINAS BENEFITS, 2026

MAKING RIDING MORE AFFORDABLE!

Stay tuned! We are working on more deals and benefits for club members.

OK, so folks often ask about the club, "what's in it for me?". We think it is obvious, fellowship, community, help with your bikes, local and regional events and riding! We like to think of ourselves as a family. This is a formal club also, with rules and bylaws, offering a safer and more secure environment to ride.

Some people want more though! So we have reached out to our local dealers and merchants for help. Here is what we have thus far - to sweeten the pot for TOMCC members:

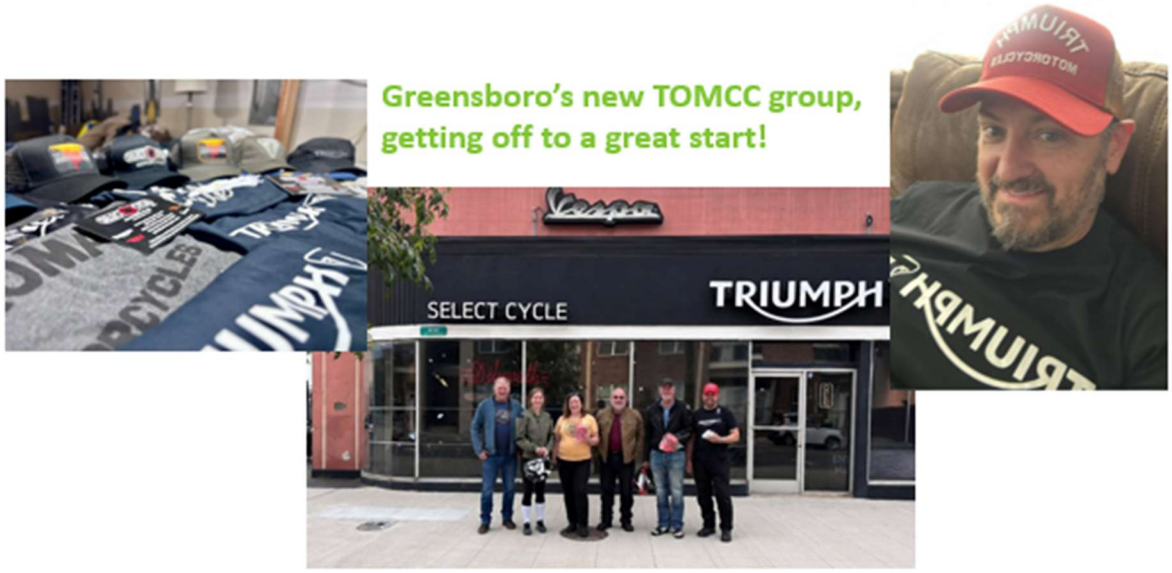
1. **Art Moto Garage**, Raleigh NC – 10% off parts, accessories and merch
2. **Hunter Powersports**, Hendersonville NC - 10% off parts, accessories and merch for members
3. **Old Towne Cycle Center**, Piedmont SC – 15% of parts for British Motorcycles, scbritish@gmail.com 864-350-0067
4. **Motorcycles of Charlotte**, Charlotte NC – 15% off on all Triumph merch in stock, 10% off on other merch and ordered merch.10% off on parts.
5. **Select Cycle**, Greensboro NC - 10% off parts, accessories and merch for TOMCC members

TOMCC - Community - Rides - Events - Support - Adventure!!

TOMCC Carolinas Local Area Leaders

- **Asheville** – Scot Dail – scotdail@gmail.com 919-946-4080
- **Charlotte** – Scott Kelly - spckelly@comcast.com
- **Greensboro** – Nat Simpson – hnsimpson@gmail.com
- **Raleigh** – Greg James - greg.james@gmail.com
- **Coastal** – Wheaton Lefler – wheaton1002@gmail.com

TOMCC Carolinas supports the entire Carolinas region, and are working to offer local branches for riding and community throughout the area. Thanks for joining us! Tell your friends so we will continue to grow.



TOMCC Carolinas is a branch of the **Triumph Owners Motorcycle Club**, an international enthusiast group for Triumph Motorcycles with over 10,000 members. We are a new branch here, but growing quickly! Email contact: chairman@carolinasTOMCC.org

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